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THE P. L. O. CLUB HIGHLY ENTERTAINED—OFFICERS ELECTED

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Instructive Meeting—The Success of the Club—Speech Making—An Evening at Whist—Interesting Items—Watch The Freeman.

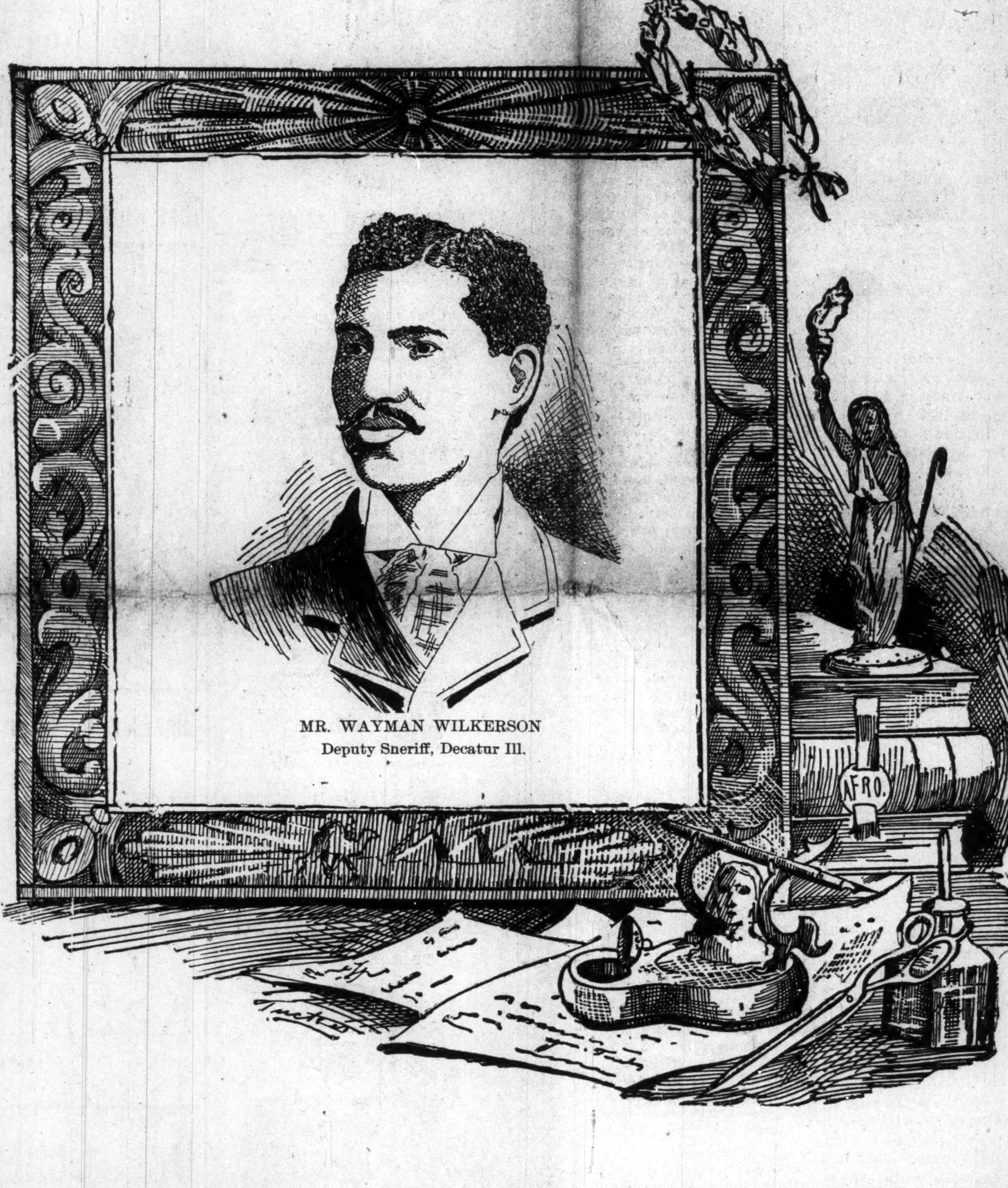
Duluth, Minn. Special.

C. W. Dorsey highly entertained the P. L. D. Reading Club, Tuesday last and an exceedingly pleasant evening was spent by all. The officers for the advancing term were elected as follows: President, H. C. Richardson; vice-President, Miss Helen A. Butler; Secretary, W. B. Richardson; assistant Secretary, Amelia Porter; Treasurer, Blanch Pollard; Critic, J. H. Dorsey; Sergeant-at-Arms, J. Butler. A very touching, sympathetic speech was made in behalf of the success of the club by the retiring president, Miss C. A. Waughn. A most interesting set of reports were also read by Miss H. A. Butler, secretary and Miss J. M. Waughn, critic. The life of Oliver Wendell Holmes, original, was read by Miss Amelia H. Porter, giving all important dates of his life with accompanying events. C. W. Dorsey played a grand opera piano solo which was highly appreciated by all. As the business took up the greater part of the evening some of the program had to be postponed 'till the next meeting March 13, at the residence of S. J. Mason 721 East Sixth street. Friday evening presented a very exceptable festival for the benefit of St. Marks at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Black. A short program was rendered and all seemed to enjoy a delightful evening: Piano Solo—Miss Maie Black; Chorus—St. Marks Choir; Vocal Solo—Miss Blanch Pallard; Trio—H. C. Richardson, O. D. Clayborne, Bruce Black; Instrumental Solo—Miss Amelia H. Porter; Duet—Mrs. Rev. R. Taylor and Miss Minnie Richey. Mrs. Batholomew Hall entertained at five o'clock tea Thursday, Miss Minnie Craighead, Mrs. Thomas Humes, Mrs. Eugene Watts. The party was small but oh, what a pleasant time was had. Thursday evening a social card game of whist was indulged in at the residence of Mrs. Humes, Miss Minnie Craighead and Prof. Harvey being the victorious ones. H. C. Richardson expects to kill it in St. Paul Easter. Don't tell any one. James A. Porter has recently been passing photos around. I wonder if they have reached Superior, Wis? She told him he didn't handled enough money for her. She ought not throw him down so hard. Have you eaten a Sunday dinner at Mrs. E. A. Porter's 721 W. First street? You give her a call. Dinner 6 o'clock, breakfast 9 o'clock. He said he'd get all that was coming to him. We don't doubt that while Harper's Ferry is on the map. Watch the Freeman for an account of the grand ball, March 14, W. Superior.

General News--Death.

Paris, Tex., Special.

After a drop of 15 below zero, we are again enjoying spring weather. As a consequence of not knowing "it was so cold" many are wearing frost bitten ears toes and fingers. Mr. Geo. Cox an old and respected citizen, aged about 90 years departed this life after a short illness. His funeral took place at St. Paul Baptist Church Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. C. N. Hampton, pastor. Mr. Gabe Harris was burried from Olive Branch Baptist church, funeral services conducted by Rev. Wm. M. Conner, pastor. He leaves a wife and many relatives to mourn his death. Mrs. Shad Davis also Mrs. Mary Floyd died the past week. One of the most enjoyable suppers of the season was given at Olive Branch Baptist church Friday night, although the rain came down in torrents, many braved the weather, and a neat sum was realized. On next Tuesday night the above church will give a "lighting supper" at which time the new electric lights will be turned on. This is the first colored church in the city to boast of electric lights. The Past Time Club gave one of its entertainments Friday night and a pleasant time was reported. Mt. Zion M. E. church, Saturday night gave a unique festival. The contestants for the prize were Mrs. S. McLemore and Mrs. G. A. Lawrence. Mrs. McLemore receiving the prize. Asberry Crawford and John Gill left for Texarkana to work. Mrs. Emma Guest, of McKinney is visiting relatives in the city. Mrs. Dink Campbell, of Oklahoma has returned to the city on a visit. Mrs. S. Sims is still sojourning in San Antonio. Mrs. Lula Burrell after several days illness is up again. The Freeman is a welcome visitor in our city, in many homes. We hail the day of its arrival with joy.



MR. WAYMAN WILKERSON
Deputy Sneriff, Decatur Ill.

Personal Mention.

Macon City, Mo., Special.

Henry White and S. Houston who were burned a few weeks ago are reported better. Mrs. C. R. Runyon is convalescent. On Wednesday Feb. 22, at 8 p. m. the marriage of Mrs. Ellen Wills and Willis Smith of this city was celebrated at the home of the bride on north Ruby street. Rev. H. N. Boney and family are better at this writing. Rev. C. R. Runyon, pastor of the A. M. E. church preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning. Miss Viola Patton celebrated her 18th birthday by giving an elegant party Saturday Feb. 25th. Mother Collier is convalescent. Albert Colbert left Monday for Hasting, Neb., where he will make his future home. His wife will spend a few weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Pleasant in this city.

Current Happenings.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Special

Mrs. Wm. Hall has been very ill with pneumonia. Mrs. L. Pettiford has been quite ill with neuralgia. Mrs. Joseph Williams of James street is improving. Little Marshall Earle Mahaley is sick with croupe. The A. M. E. Commerce street church members have decided to move from their present situation to the corner of Commerce and Wealthy street. The Misses Minisee and Boyd entertained about thirty friends in their usual charming style last Wednesday evening. Miss Lida Pate passed the civil service examination for post office at Adrian, and her name now stands second on the eligible list. Mrs. Eliza Wood is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brown of Remus, Mich. An entertainment was given at the Messiah Baptist church, on the evening of Feb. 27. The important features was the sword drill by the girls and the military drill by the boys. It was quite a success financially. The Married Ladies Nineteenth Century Club met with A. B. Cole of 50 Brainard street. Remarks were made by the president after which the quartet composed of Mrs. Ford, Bass, Cole, and Carter sang, a solo by Mrs. Crissup and also by Mrs. Bass. Dainty refreshments were served.

Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

Second Baptist church on Factory-st., held communion services Sunday last. A "donkey" social was given Thusday evening at St. John's church corner of Columbia and Fisher streets. Rev. H. E. Stewart of Washington, C. H., was in the city Monday the guest of W. E. Robbins and family of West Fair street. Miss Thomas who has been ill at the hospital is convalescent Clifton-street Allen Chapel congregation was treated to a literary program Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Center-street M. E. church have a literary which meetsevery Thursday evening. Mr. Jesse Crowford who has been very ill is improving nicely. Mr. Payne will leave soon on his summer tour with the Sell's Brothers circus.

A Notable Event.

Montgomery, Ala., Special,

Saturday, Feb. 18, was a very notable evening at Lawyer Crockett's office by reason of the fact that the members of the C. C. Union of this city met there to honor one of their highly cultured and professional gentlemen, Dr. T. A. Curtis formerly of Montgomery but recently of St. Louis. The gifted thinkers of the above named organization, discussed some very weighty subjects. At 8:30 p. m., the guest and the Union repaired in a body to Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Nesbitt's residence where an assumptious repast was served by the Commercial Union. It was an up-to-date banqeut. The tasteful manner in which the host and hostess arranged affairs was notable. The following persons were present: Col. W. F. Grockett toast-master; Hons. John C. Leftwich, N. H. Alexander, ex-Senator John W. Jones, C. O. Harris, Drs. D. H. C. Scott, A. C. Dungee, Rev. Dr. J. H. Manley, Rev. A. L. Demond, Rev. G. W. Lewis, Professors John W. Beverly, J. H. Phillip, Mr. J. M. C. Logan. S. C. Shepherd, Thomas McDonald, I. F. Lowe, C. D. Yancey, Mr. H. A. Loveless, A. G. Oliver, Mr. J. W. Adams. Speech-making was good. The dignified way Lawyer Crockett acquitted himself as toast-master needs special mention; Mr. A. G. Hardaway, the druggist and the gifted editor, Hon. Wm. Jenkins of The Weekly Enterprise. The following officers of the Epworth League at the M. E. church were installed last Sunday night: W. H. Parker, president; Mr. F. McMurry, vice-president; Mr. R. L. Perkins, second vice-president; Mrs. M. E. Jones, third vice-president; Mr. C. H. Brown, fourth vice-president; Miss Sarah M. Walker, secretary; Mr. W. H. Wheatstone, assistant secretary; Miss Edna C. Moss, president of the junior department. The League meets every Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

PLEASANT HAPPENINGS IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

"FLOWER AND GIPSY GIRLS"

Little Folks Entertained—Among the Churches—A Missionary Society Organized—On the Sick List—Deaths—Personal Mention.

Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Special.

Mrs. Mary Davis of New York is in the city, called here by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark. Miss Emma Reed entertained her friends on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Logan. Mr. Fitzgerald is confined to his room with pneumonia. The ladies' aid society of Second Baptist church gave a national social on Wednesday evening in honor of Washidgton's birthday. Jennie B. Watts entertained her little friends at a birthday party on Monday afternoon. Light refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed by the little ones. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. McCracken received the sad news of the serious illness of their son at Des Moines. The "Flower and Gypsy Girls" an organization composed of the young ladies of the A. M. E. church, gave a literary entertainment on the 9th. J. W. Fidler has recovered from his recent illness. H. Carter of Ottumwa, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carter. The quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church the 12th inst., was a success both spiritually and financially. Rev. Jason Bundy, presiding elder, left on Monday morning for his home in Chicago. Miss Lena Morrow lectured at the Congregational church Monday evening. Her subject was "The Soprano Voice in Government." Miss Iona Mason united with the A. M. E. church Sunday morning. A missionary society was organized at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon. The officers elected were: President, Miss Dora Smith; vice-President, Miss Iona Mason; Secretary, Cora Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. C. Tally. Executive Board: Miss White, H. Tansil, Mrs. R. Logan. Mrs. Perlina Arms will improve her property in the spring. The Second Baptist church is holding a series of revival meetings. An adjourned session of the quarterly conference was held at the A. M. E. church Monday evening. Mr. Arbuckle has returned to the city after an absence of nearly two years. Miss Maggi Carson has been on the sick list. Inez, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watts, died on Monday morning the 27th inst., of brain fever. The funeral services were held at the A. M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon conducted by Rev. F. J. Peterson.

Items of Interest.

Carbondale, Ill., Special.

The Freeman is a welcome visitor at the writer's boarding house. There is much sickness and many deaths among the colored people here. Presiding Elder N. J. McCracken was in the city last week. Elder F. Robinson, of Metropolis held his regular monthly meeting at the Rock Hill Baptist church on the 5th. Mrs. John Venerable and Miss Kempie Robinson went to Cairo on the 4th. Mrs. N. Crippens and nephew, passed through our city en route to Elkville from Metropolis, Saturday the 4th. The D. L. society, composed principally of normal students, is progressing nicely. The citizens of Carbondale are preparing to give their boys of the Eighth Illinois volunteer regiment, a grand reception on their return from Cuba. The Junior Christian Endeavor of the A. M. E. church presented the church with a beautiful silver communion set recently. The little ones are good workers. Miss Shores of the S. I. N. U., was called to her home in St. Louis last week on account of the illness of a relative. Mr. Calvin Broglin died on the 4th. Mr. Arthur Morris and Mrs. Lucy Blakemore were united in marriage at the A. M. E church on Sunday night; Rev. Price officiating.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

I have often thought that if the lie can travel around the world while the truth is putting its boots on, that the scoundrel has a corner on the world, and with an automatic talking machine, he would do a thriving business, it may be the reason many branches of trade flourish, and the truthful are always poor. This latter does not apply to the writer, but it scratches the neck of lots of people he knows. We are poor by accident and we remain poor because we have no automatic machine to do our lying.

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The present status of our goverment is monarchical, it is a heteragenesus empire, if this can be simplified into monosylables so that the knee pant boy can handle it, the price of geographies may expect a rise.

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Bourke Cochran is a great statesman, he has the right opinion respecting the government. What he said was resonant with all we have written on the subject of expansion, and we now desist, hoping that those who would be glad to know what our ideas were, will read his latest speech. Bourke took the words out of our mouth. He has brains and can do it.

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There is very little philosophical truth in what Rev. John Jasper proclaims in his notorious sermon, "De Sun do move, and de world am square," but it does appear that he's on the right track, with a slight transposition of the first and second clauses. Many a tramp who has become an expert in counting railread ties and jumping the blind baggage will testify that he is not far from a sensible conclusion.

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Mr. Quay longs for the day, so far away, and for much delay, he's nearly ready to say, how much he'll pay, every accursed jay, who now seems to stray, his election fray, causes his fondest hopes to decay, since the boys no longer obey, his magnitudinous ful-de-rot and hoo-she-lay. Oh! Quay, no bouquet.

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Chicago is trying to have society. There is no reason to obstruct her. We hope she'll succeed. There is enough veneer brass, and tinsel to guild every little dude into a gold pretender to the throne of McAllisters. She owes it to herself, there is enough complicated pomposity to superinduce all the simpletons of saloon fame on State street to join this scipionic triumphal march. It would be a great and grand discovery if some good reformer should point out the way to get the very nice people of Chicago to get in line. But be it as it may, the windy city is on a fair way to prance to rag-time music in due time.

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Our esteemed friend and fellow Texan, Prof. H. T. Kealing is showing the Negro "the way out," (not out of Texas)out of their awful condition, it has been hinted that brother Kealing is "preaching the word." Whether his preaching or just lecturing, our Texas pride compells us to say, he says things like an orator, and convinces with his keen logic and makes those who hear chuckle with his droll illustrative wit. Prof. Kealing and the writer were schoolmates and of course he is entitled to be honored some from this very fact. The honor it brings may be considered mutual. Keep your bouquets.

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Dr. C. S. Smith is constantly before the Southern press. He is right. The doctor took a trip to Africa and got himself cured of feelings of repotriation. One thing is certain, Dr. Smith is more of an American than he used to be. We surmise however that the doctor got a Kodak view of an African fever coming like it was on a bike. Doctors know a fever when they see it.

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Prof. Scarborough writes for several white magazines, but the duce of it is that nobody can tell when he is reading Scarborough. It appears that he has manufactured a non de plume out of his name, so there is no hope of finding out. This is the Negroes dilemma.

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Take up the White Man's Burden

Take up the white man's burden
Don't shirk and fume and fret
Because the load is heavy
And you have much regret.
Don't think so much of color
Of injury and strife
Of all the short misgivings
Of the frailties of human life.

Take up the white man's burden
Take hold with strong firm hand,
Don't ask for place, but take it
And then be good and grand;
Prove what you are and can be
Act well your part for right
For man by nature brother
Help rid the world of blight.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.

Personal Mention.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

On the sick list:—Hannah Grissom and daughter Sarah, Sarah Owens and daughter Anna. John Hines is improving. Johnnie Dudley is able to be up and around the house. The revival services which have been conducted by Rev. L. W. Gray, with the help of Rev. H. P. Parker, closed Feb. 22. Miss Mattie Hodge has gone to Indianapolis for awhile. Rev. L W. Gray delivered two excellent sermons from his sacred stand on last Sunday. His resignation takes effect April 1st. Miss Ella Martin and William Banks went to Indianapolis on Sunday to spend the day with their friends. Rev. H. P. Parker, returned to Indianapolis on last Sunday. Mrs. John Dodds, and son of Cleveland, O., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Goode arrived home on last Sunday to visit relatives and friends for a short while. Rev. Robert Alexander of Indianapolis preached at Wiley Chapel on last Sunday. He will have charge of the church until conference meets on March, 23. The ladies Intellectual Club met with Mrs. L. W. Gray. The attendance was large. Edward Georgie and Clarence Hodge gave a grand cake walk at Depreze's Hall Friday March 3. Mrs. Kittie Minter of Indianapolis was a guest of Miss Lena Johnson. On Wednesday evening March 9, four deacons will be ordained at the Second Baptist church. several prominent ministers from Indianapolis are expected to be present. A grand reception will follow the ordination. The Shelbyville Marine Band is getting along splendidly under the leadership of Prof. T. Q. Brown of Indianapolis. The boys are up-to-date, we cannot say what we would like in praise of Prof. Brown's work since he has taken the band under his care. Miss Maggie Miles has returned from Laurel, Ind.

News Items.

Day, Mich., Special.

The ladies of the Bethel church gave a social Feb. 25. a neat little sum was netted. Mr. Leason Grady of Lansing is here on business. Melvin Grady has returned from South Bend. Charles E. Bennett spent a few days at South Bend last week the guest of his sister, Mrs. Maurice Haithcox. Mr. Henry Matthews who has been quite sick is convalescent. Miss Alice Jenkins is home from Cassopolis for a few days.

Among the Churchse.

Meridian, Miss., Special.

The communion was administed at the Congregational church Sunday March 5th, at 11 a. m., by the pastor, Rev. C. L. Harris. Rev. J. C. Hibbler preached an able and instructive sermon at St. Paul A. M. E. church on Sunday evening the 26th ult., to a large congregation. Rev. L. B. Bankhead spoke at New Hope Baptist church the 26, at 11 a. m.,, at night Rev. L. W. Watson assisted by Revs. F. T. Flinn and L. B. Bankhead administed the Lord's Supper, quite a large membership was present Rev. L. W. Watson preached an eloquent and forcible sermon at New Hope Baptist church Sunday the 26, after which Miss Ida B. Carswell a teacher in the Meridian Baptist Seminary, addressed the congregation. Rev. S. A. Rivers filled the pulpit at the Congregational church on Sunday the 26, at 11 a. m., to the satisfaction of all present. The pastor Rev. C. L. Harris was absent from the city. The rally at Pilgrim Progress Baptist church the 19th, was a grand success, $68.60 was the amonnt raised. Rev. J. T. Davis preached an eloquent sermon to the large congregation. The New Hope, South Calvary and St. John's Baptist churches consolidated with the Pilgrim Progress to make the rally a success. Rev. D. G. Griffin the pastor has done a grand and noble work. Mrs. M. E. Wilson lectured to the mothers meeting at the Congregational church Sunday evening the 26. at 2 p. m., to quite a good number of the mothers. Subject; "Mothers Duty to Eeach Other." Mrs. Bettie Smith who has been quite sick at her home on 13th, street and 31st avenue, died on the 21st, her funeral was attended at New Hope Baptist church on the 22nd, under the auspices of the Ladies Christian Aid Society. Rev. D. F. Griffin preached the funeral assisted by Rev. L. B. Bankhead and L. W. Watson. The burial at the Masonic cemeterv. Pall Bearers, B. J. Catton, F. Murray, A. Perryman, G. Beal and T. S. Webb. Peace to her ashes. She leaves a husband and eight small children. Jesse Miller and Miss Leatha May were married at New Hope Baptist church on Wednesday night Feb. 22nd at 7:45 p. m., by Rev. L. W. Watson. The bride wore a beautiful white, dress while the groom looked handsome in the conventional black. Miss Johnnie Saunders, the organist played the wedding march. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. John May on 10th street. Mrs. Rosa Gains Delana a young bride of a few weeks, died the 23, her funeral was largely attended at St. Paul, M. E. church on Friday evening the 24. Rev. J. Hibbler presiding elder, preached the funeral assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Houston. Rev. J. S. Jackson, presiding elder Meridian District A. M. E. Zion church, spent last Sabbath in the city after an absence of four weeks on his district in West Alabama and East Mississippi. Rev. Jackson is a young man, with a bright future. his church should be proud of him, he is a regular subscriber to The Great Freeman. Let others follow his example and call on T. Murray and subscribe for The Freeman. Rev. C. L. Harris has been to Columbus for the past week on a business trip in the interest of the A. M. A. Association Joe Avery who has been working for the Meridian Daily News for about three years, took suddenly sick at the News office on Thursday night, 23rd. The 24th he was carried to his home east of the city, where he expired Sunday morning the 26th. His remains were shipped to Scooba, Miss., his old home and burried on the 27th. Mr. J. M. Menock and John Brooks of Co. E. 3rd Alabama Volunteers have been visiting their families for the past few weeks.

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SHE SANG FOR DEATH.

The Pathos and Tragedy of Emma Abbott's Passing Away.

One night in the city of Denver, located at the foot and in plain view of the Rocky mountains, Emma Abbott was billed to appear in "Faust." In the same city a most attractive and beautiful 18-year-old girl, belonging to one of the wealthiest families, lay in the last stages of that fell enemy of the human race—consumption Some weeks before the arrival of the company she said to those around her "Oh, I hope the sun will shine and the weather will be warm and genial, so I can hear Miss Abbott sing once more. I think I could then pass away peacefully and without one single regret." But there came with the queen of the lyric stage a northern hurricane—with the very air charged with icicles, which penetrated the lungs. Some one told Miss Abbott of the grievous disappointment of the dying girl. She went to the opera house and never sang more sweetly, and as soon as it was over and the audience dismissed called her carriage and directed it to drive to the home of the young lady.

The scene which followed was worthy of the finest brush ever wielded by the grand old masters. There lay the dying earth angel, with pallid lips, hectic cheeks and lustrous eyes and the light of immortal beauty shining upon her face. Standing beside her, in one of her richest robes (the one she had worn that night), sparkling with pearls, rubies and diamonds, stood the almost divine mistress of earthly melody.

The first piece rendered was "The Old Folks at Home," and then followed "I Know My Redeemer Liveth." The finale of this weird scene was "Rock of Ages Cleft For Me, Let Me Hide Myself In Thee." And then Miss Abbott bent over the frail form and kissed her an eternal farewell. Soon after the spirit passed into the wild winds which rang through the wild mountains near by—set sail for that haven from which the first homeward bound bark is yet to be seen—the stainless soul wafted to the stainless heavens by the sweetest music ever heard on earth—into the melodies of paradise birds.

Miss Abbott returned to her room at the hotel and retired. Some time during the night she awoke with a pain in the left lung. It rapidly grew worse. A physician was summoned. Then another, and another, who applied every remedy they could command. All to no purpose. It was typhoid pneumonia in its worst form. The black camel was kneeling at her door. Angels of the heavenly choir had that night listened to her voice in the sickroom and sent for her to come home to them.

In three days that voice which had so often raised the souls of men and women to the noblest, the grandest heights in holy ecstasy, was forever stilled in death—gone forth into—the night.

So fades the summer cloud away,
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er
So gently shuts the eye of day,
So dies tne wave along the shore.

—H. C. Stevenson in Atlanta Constitution.

GERMAN MILITARY SERVICE

A Curious Method by Which It May Be Avoided.

Anybody can emigrate from Germany before he is 17 years old without running the risk, in case he should return, of being forced to join the army, but he will be allowed to remain only nine months in Germany. If he stays longer he becomes again a German citizen and must do military service. If he leaves when he has been a little less than nine months in the country and stays away for two or three weeks he can return without running any danger and can stay another nine months. If he does this every nine months he can live as long as he likes in Germany

As soon as a man is 17 years old he cannot leave Germany without serving in the army He can, however, get permission to leave the country until he is 20 years old if somebody is willing to give bond that he will return and serve his term.

In case a man forfeits his bond he cannot return to his fatherland before he is 45 years old, as he would be promptly arrested and sentenced to serve a longer term than the original one After a man is 45 years old he can go back to Germany without being punished and live there as long as he likes

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NED ELMO BEE.

Dick Burge, the English welter-weight has sued the London Sportsman for $1,500, the amount of his stake in the match with Bobby Dobbs, the colored pugilist last December. Burge maintains that he was knocked out on a foul. The defendant pleads that it is not liable under the Gaming act. Facts of interest to sporting men are expected to be disclosed when the case comes to trial.

BUTLER WANTS A FIGHT.

The articles sent out by big John McCormick has caused Joe Butler to take up his pen. The big colored boxer sends the following to "The Press:"

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.

To the Sporting Editor of "The Press."

Dear Sir:—Having seen a number of articles in local papers where self-styled heavy and middle-weight champions of Pennsylvania are issuing challenges, I wish to state through your valuable paper that I am the only real champion of Pennsylvania. I stand ready and willing to defend the title of the heavy and middle-weight classes. I will fight any two of the other "champions" in one night, and will post a forfeit to knock them out inside of ten rounds. If they will fight me in strict accordance with the Marquis of Queensberry rules. Here is a chance for Jack McCormick, who claims he fought me a bout with no decision. He did meet me, but it did not require any decision, as he only lasted one round. There are a number of sports in Philadelphia who are under the impression that I cannot fight lately without fouling. Now to show them I can, I will post a forfeit of from $100 to $500, that I will stop any two men in Pennsylvania under the above rules, hitting with one arm free. I hope some of the heavyweights will look this over, as it stands open to all. Any and all may accept. I will meet one man or two in the same night. I am not particular.

Yours truly,
JOE BUTLER,
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JOHN HENRY JOHNSON LOSES.

Johnny Richie, of St, Louis, Mo., was awarded the decision over John Henry Johnson, colored, of Philadelphia, in a 15-round fight on Saturday night, Feb. 11, before the West End Club of St. Louis at 120 pounds each. Johnson came very near ending the fight in the first round by a right swing on the jaw, which laid Richie low for nine seconds. Richie pulled himself together and went at it hard, finally winning the decision on points. The match was one of the most clever and aggressive ever seen in St. Louis.

Baltimore, Md., Feb, 12.

To the Sporting Editor;

I noticed an article in one of the afternoon papers stating that Al Herford has called off the proposed fight which was to have taken place at the Lenox Club, on February 21 between Eddie Connelly and Joe Gans, and that "evidently Gans and Al Herford must have had a falling out." Please contradict that for me. The cause of the match being called off is that Gans met Billy Ernest, of Brooklyn, at Buffalo last Monday night, on which occasion this alleged "fighting Dutchman," as he is called, did everything else but fight. He kicked Gans elbowed him, and tried to wrench his head off, and after being warned by the referee, W. C. Kelly he deliberately butted Gans. I then claimed a foul, and it was allowed in the tenth round. Dan Gallagher, Etnest's manager, told me after the fight that he was very sorry that his protege acted in that manner.

Now all I want to say is this! Gans is under the care of Professor Bressler, in our town, confined to his bed. Just as soon as he recovers we will immediately make a match with Eddie Connelly or any other light weight in the world. First come, first served, as I don't believe in loafing. Gan's record shows that, he making four matches of twenty-five rounds each from January 13 to February 6. If any of these other fellows can beat this record in his division I will doff my hat to them. Thanking you in advance for the space you give this letter in your valuable issue.

AL HERFORD,
Manager for Joe Gans.

PLUTO AND FAIRBURN DRAW.

Joe Fairburn of Philadelphia, Pa., and "Young Pluto," of Australia, boxed a siz-round draw at the Nonpariel Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, on Tuesday night, February 21. The fighting was fast, but no great damage was done on either side.

CHARLEY STEVENSON KNOCKS OUT "KID,' LAVELLE.

Allentown, Pa., Feb. 22.—There were three lively sparring matches at the Keystone Athletic Association's arena last night. "Young Sharkey" was defeated by Harry Smith, colored of Chester, in ten rounds. "Kid" Lavelle and Charley Stevenson, both colored heavyweights, had a 15-round setto. Lavelle was knocked down twice in the first round, but recovered quickly, and fought a game fight for the next 12 rounds. In the fourteenth, however, Stevenson hit him at will, and Lavelle was knocked out. He was unconscious for half an hour.

The other bout was between two local white fighters.

JIM JANEY DEFEATED BY HARRY FISHER.

Jim Janey colored of Baltimore, Md., was defeated in that city on Friday night by Harry Fisher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in the eighth round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout.

News Notes.

Terre Haute, Ind. Special.

Mrs. Dr. Cabel is convalescing from a severe attack of Illness. Rev. Wesley Williams is fast improving from an attack of grip. Miss Lydia Crone is recovering from a very bad attack of rheumatism: Mother Price is still ill at her home on South 2nd st. Many of our soldier boys that have been mustered out are seeking admission to the regular army. The churches are preparing for Easter. Rev. Jones, of Allen Chapel has been having a series of meetings for two weeks with moderate success. Dr. A. L. Cabel was called to Brazil Monday on business. Many of our young men shared the pleasure of social life in Paris Ill., Sunday. They report an excellent time. There will be a stag party soon. Watch The Freeman for date and place. Invitations are out for the first annual concert and reception given by the Tuxedo Club under the direction of G C. Clay, at Armory Hall, Thursday evening March 16, '99 Admission 25c. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Carter is able to be out again after a siege of illness. Miss Lydia Tolbert, of Yellow Springs, Ohio, is mustering up a class in music.

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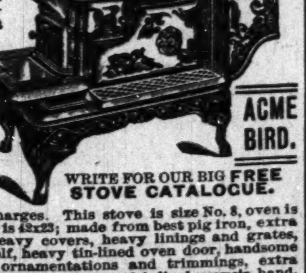

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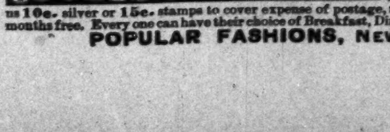

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BURDEN'S.

The air is filled with replies to "The White Man's Burden." If these replies good, bad and indifferent had a misson to perform, the work has been done. The white English speaking people, are of the opinion that there is a burden, and construe it as you will, he that will, the fact remains that these English speaking people, will have it so.

And when the situation, simmered down from the dark and ugly past is considered there is very much to be thankful for, that the white man had a burden. It is all very well to stand in the glare of the noonday sun of civilization and scout the idea that the white man's burden, self-imposed as it is or may have been, has not had some redeeming features. By contrast with the surrounding races, the Negroes plight is ignoble enough, yet vastly superior to his first estate wherein freedom–luxuriantly wild—wild as the wild ass' colt, was the only boon of the race.

The trafficking in human flesh by which the shores of America were peopled with the blacks of Africa has worked out a far greater salvation than ever was dreamed. While the race is thus contending for a greater sphere of civil, social and political activity, those blessings that have arrived must not be set aside with contempt. The history of the dark races of the world over is not hidden scroll but is an open book and the enlightened world is easy conversant with the facts.

The debut of the African Negro upon the American stage was a conspicuous but not an auspicious, event, but notwithstanding the deed, in its fiendishness stood signal and nearly alone, it carried enshrouded blessings—not wrought by the influence of man, however but by God, through man.

The race may feel that if in this attempt of the white man and his burden, that they are the gainers by far, in so much that the race as a whole never dreams of exchanging. Fair Columbia for the fairest famed domain on earth.

Hence the Negroes in America are poorly situated by contrast, only. Their sphere of activity may be augmented by judicious activity. The right to roam untramelled is but a right tentative, and may be witheld or granted at the pleasure of the donors and to these same donors all appeal must be directed.

The above doctrine is unpopular but sound, as the evidences from a hundred directions are daily testifying. The cry is that the government at Washington is in a torpid state; deaf to the entreaties of millions of adherents. Why so? Governments desire political longevity. How can it mock the cry of so many constituents? To whom will these constituents finally appeal?

The answer is all too apparent. There has been a terrible upheaval of public sentiment, a revolution that has laved the conbines of the country. No one has the hardihood to deny this. A thousand Negro journals, speaking figuratively, accuse the Republican party of premeditated desertion and perhaps the thousdreds are correct.

Pruning down, curtailing privileges is advancing northward menacing the very citadel of the country as death mounts the human frame in its approach to the heart. There are no optimist left when civil and political rights is the theme. Is there no reason for all this?

The ruthless disregard North Carolina has for Negroes, is alarming—a revolution. It will take great faith to believe that this disturbance is but the blackness behind the dawn. It is to be hoped that this is but the last and best card to be played. But who will hazzard his judgement in the matter? It may or may not mean light.

A card from Africa announces, "The welcome reception in honor of the Right Reverend Abraham Grant, D. D., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America, the Presiding Bishop of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference, African Methodist Episcopal church, will be held at New Zion A. M. E. church, Pademba Road, Monday evening 7 o'clock, the 6th of February, 1899, to which you and your family are cordially invited."

It may be remarked that the Africans are not given to doing things by halves. American brevity so conducive to indigestion would have done the thing quicker than you could say "Jack Robinson." But it may be that the visit of the distinguished prelate had much to do with the ceremony of the card which perhaps was in keeping with the occasion. The Africans have a far different notion of churchly functions than the American Negroes as a rule. They are more on the order of the early austere churchmen of America. They are primitive and greenin their notions, and may the Lord keep them that way. We are sorry to say that we will not be able this year at least to respond to the elaborately worded invitation, but the conference and the Rt. Hon. Bishop have our best wishes.

We would like to say once more that we are being flooded with poems and compositions of all sorts. To those who essay in the field of poetry it should be known that while the field is the most inviting yet it is the most zealously guarded. The mere art of rhyming does not constitute poetry. Unless your soul is unutterably full and to which is added a thorough education, on the art side at least and an elegant diction, leave the field unexplored. Know that rhyming is the least part of it, an arithmetical calculation for meter and a play on the wits for the last words. The poetry is in the langunge itself while the outward form of rhyming appeals to the eye and ear and to some extent enhances the value of the production. If the future contributors of verses to The Freeman can subscribe to these conditions, these tests, all will be well. These lines are to those whose contributions fail to appear.

THE FREEMAN IN PRISON.

The Freeman, we are made to understand, is a very welcomed visitor to the Stillwater Prison of Minnesota by a letter from Richard Brown who puts a very excellent face on his incarceration. He grows facetious at times wearing his prison robes lightly. He says:

"The boys all like the Freeman about 30 in number also the girls 5 in number. The girls can take it being unlike us as they have a fee, being fe-males in a place where males are prohibited its dimes to duffers that they'll jump at a chance to get the Free-man or any kind of a man at the small price of $1.50 per year. The boys all say that gag on Earnest Hogan and the writer of 'Take up the white man's burden' is alright; but I think each of them is a Earnest Old Hog–and the former unlike the latter is not likely to get so much that it will make him poor to carry it. I will mace every new comer that comes to town and try to get him to subscribe for the Freeman, the best all around colored paper printed. I close hoping the Freeman will reap the prosperity it so richly deserves. If it is true that 'all colored people know a good thing when they see it,' The Freeman will not go wanting for subscribers.—Stillwater, Minn., box B. I."

The Board of State Charities of Indianapolis is making an effort to find homes for the dependent children cared for in the orphan asylums. The board holds that the tendency of such institutions is towards producing dependent citizens who will eventually feel that the world owes them a living. It is on the right track, this hot house treatment should be abandoned at the earliest conveniences. They should feel that they are simply unfortunate and that their possibilities are in no wise curtailed owing to it.

With this week, the present legislature passes into history. Its performances, while not considered particularly brilliant has been voted good by the people generally. The laws pertaining to county and township affairs, which created some political feeling are held to be timely and judicious. Indianapolis was interested in the bill relative to its street railway system, which empowered the City Council to make terms with a new corporation, that grew out of the ashes of the two existing ones. The bill passed and became a law without the signature of the Governor. It is safe to say that the strife is simply in its introductory period. The real issue will come when the Council tries to make terms. The city at large is somewhat hostile to the proposed terms and a three cent fare seems to be the desideratum regardless of the other conditions. The company feels loathe to part with the five cent fare. Many other bills of interest to localities were passed.

The well known Prof. W. E. B. DuBois and other who will be remembered as the indefatigable workers of several years in the past securing information as to the food and environment of Negroes in the closely settled districts of the South, are now engaged in another mission of equal importance in race building. They say:—

This year we are going to study the Negro in business the number of colored business-men, the kinds of business in which they are engaged and the difficulties they encounter. After we have collected this information from all parts of the South, we shall hold a conference on the subject May 30-31 1899.

They hope to hear from the colored men in business all over the country. The reputation of Prof. DuBois for this class of work ought to insure him general interest.

The Audubon Society is a flourishing institution of Indianapolis. As its name implies it has to do with birds. It feels that certain limitation should be put on the destruction of birds. Article second of its constitution quite outlines its purpose of existence. It says:

Section I. (1) To disseminate information respecting the economic value of birds to agriculture and their importance to the welfare of man.

(2) To discourage the purchase or use of the feathers of any birds for ornamentation, except those of the ostrich and domestic fowls.

(3) To discourage the destruction of wild birds and their eggs.

(4) To establish Bird Day exercises in the schools of the State of Indiana, and to encourage the introduction of bird study in the schools.

(5) To aid otherwise in the preservation and protection of the native birds of the State of Indiana.

Wm. Watson Woollen a distinguished jurist is a prime mover in this organization that appeals so strongly to humane side of mankind. Death to our feathered friends void of other value than mere plumage is a wanton and reckless waste of life sacrificed at the shrine of fashion.

Man suffers in the operation as it deadens his sympathies and decimates the fields of its intended inhabitants, its ornaments, its sometimes preserver, thus robbing nature of its birthright and man of his conscience.

A pamplet containing the Constitution and By Laws of the National Afro-American Council has reached this office. It is a comprehensive little publication of about 32 pages which also contains the address of that body to the country which was uttered at its last session in Washington. Bishop Walters the distributor has the kindliest wishes of this paper.

A fair per cent of the Negro Press is opposing the administration in its administrative policy in the Philippines. Will these have the courage to espouse the vote dividing cause and support the democratic party and non-expansion. Or is the opposition just so much leverage to foist oneself for recognition by the administration.

The colored people of Illnois are very much divided in the matter of the recently proposed industrial school for colored youths. There are those who oppose the distinct colored school idea and many are in favor of the industrial school at least.

From the tenor of the Negro Press great things will happen at the next Republican Convention or there will be considerable crow to be eaten.

It seems that the present tendency of the race is to air its infirmities, nurse its wounds rather than seek a cure.

It is very strange that in the face of the terrific civil and political struggle now on, no Joshua appears on the scene.

THE STAGE.

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for his wonderful trap drumming. Musicians in the towns and cities we visit say he is undoubtedly the best trap drummer, colored, in the show business. At Lansing, Mich., the company was escorted from the Butler hotel to the Detroit News-Tribune office by the newsboys' band, after which they were nicely entertained with selections by the band, and stories and speeches by the news representatives after which they were entertained by the members of the company and the Lone Star quartette and a nice address was made by Manager William Kibble and several other members of the company made speeches after which supper was served at the Butler house. Mr. George Crabtree, our programer, came back and spent Sunday with the company March 5. Billy Yeager sends his regards to Bob Yeager and Billy Banks. Skip Farrell sends his regards to George Hurley and all other friends in Springfield, Ohio.

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The Pet of the Georgia Up-to-Date, J. Jeff Smith the young cornetist, better known as "Dolphnes" is the sunshine of the car, pride of the dressing rooms. He keeps the boys in an uproar of laughter from early morning to late at night. Dolphnes, as the boys all call him originates so many funny sayings which is a hit with the members of the Georgia Up-to-Date. One of his many sayings which is a hit is the simple word "yes," from his facial expressions and attitude it is enough to make a mule laugh. Dolphens is well liked by all who know him as a sidewalk comedian and a dressing room dancer. Dolphens has no equal.

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Mr. W. C. Craine, our special representative with Harry Martell's "South before the War" sends the following:—"We were snow bound for a day or two through the Rocky Mountain Canons, we played Cripple Creek and Leadville successfully. Many of the members voices were in a critical condition while in Leadville, due to the altitude, 10350 ft. which was a sudden change from that of Arizona. We had to lay over in Manturn until the blockake was open. There were snow slides after snow slides from 100 to 200 ft. long demolishing homes carrying away trees. Train after train being wrecked, some completely buried undered the snow slides. Fortunately we escaped all accidents and reached Salt Lake City in time to fill the engagement. We finished engagement with a sacred concert, beginning with the Passion Play from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, to the burial and resurrection of Christ. Concert opened with grand chorus from Ermine. John Hill, bass solo, assisted by the co. Sam'l. Barnes, triple tongue cornet solo; Duett Sarah Price, Ida Day; Russian love song, Pauline Cottrell; J. W. Jenkins, recitation, 'Johnstown Flood;' Laughing song, ladies quartette; W. C. Craine Tenor solo; Dick Miner and Eugene Clark in their amusement selections; Girard Miller, Heart Bowed Down. J. R. Douglass, Holy City; Duo Girard Millar and Flora Batson, Ill Trovatore. Benjamin Turbin, solo; Several operatic selections from the Queen of song. Chorous, intermezzo from Cavallera Rusticanna.

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Mr. F. Phinney director of Phinney's U. S. Band and several of his members were present at the Band Concert given by the Lowery Concert Band with Georgia Up-to-Date at Owatonnia, Minn. Feb. 24th and spoke very highly of the playing of the band. the tone quality and phrasing and balance of tone was very good. Other solos rendered were played with much taste which showed much careful study and training, he was surprised how perfect was the alto soloist Mr. Harry L. Gilliam, his playing was free from Frivolo in his encore "Then You'll Remember Me," his Fuges was perfect. The drummers displayed an important part in the Cresendo movement. After the concert Mr. Phinney presented the band with a letter of recommendation the band highly appreciates. Joe Pleasant tuba soloist with Lowery's Concert Band, is not only a musician of merit but a sportsman as well, he met his friend Oscar Nimbus the Indian who took such an active part in the late war with Leech Lake Indians. After talking over past acquaintance they organized a party of eight and went on a hunting expedition. Mr. Pleasant being the only black skin in the party made himself quite a favorite among the red skins. Mr. Pleasant was credited with the first shot, which took effect in the left shoulder of a large deer, one shot was all that was needed the Indians were greatly surprised at the coolness of Mr. Pleasant and his wonderful marksmanship made him the hero of the day. The deer was brought to the car of the Georgia Up-to-Date and the members relished a fine venison dinner. He was offered $25.00 for the head alone, but he declined the offer as he wishes to send it home to his friends.

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Notes from the Melroy Chandler & Co's., Minstrels:—A new Minstrel Co., under the firm name of Melroy Chandler & Co., Real Negro Minstrels has been organized and will start on the road Aug. 15th, under the direct supervision and sole management of Mr. Leland Melroy. The company is now being booked by manager Melroy through Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and the far Northeast as far as the Prince Edward Islands and then back for the regular winter season: Some of the best people have signed and are now in the East playing dates. The Payne family, Marshall Hoskins, The Marshall's. Mr. Marshall who enjoys the distinction of the "Black Billy Windom." Russell D. Bolden and wife, and many other celebrities. The company will be made up of a Japanese family four ladies and 26 men, band of 22 and orchestra of 12. Arrangements have been perfected with Prof. W. L. Jackson to be musical director for both band and orchestra. The company will travel in their own private car which is now being repainted and some improvements attached there to which when completed will make it one of the finest and most comfortable theatrical cars on the road carrying the most and best gentlemanly and lady like organization of colored performers ever got-to-gether in one company. We carry 2 quartettes male and female, The animated music sheet 30 voices and four of the funniest end men 4 end women which will be something new in the line of traveling companies. The costumes are now being arranged for the very best will be used for both street and stage use. The company will open and rehearse at De Soto. Mo. Regards to all.

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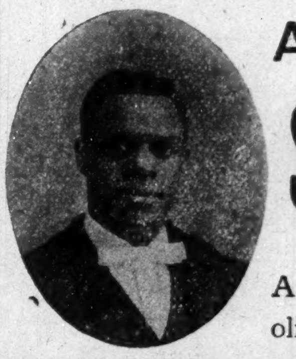

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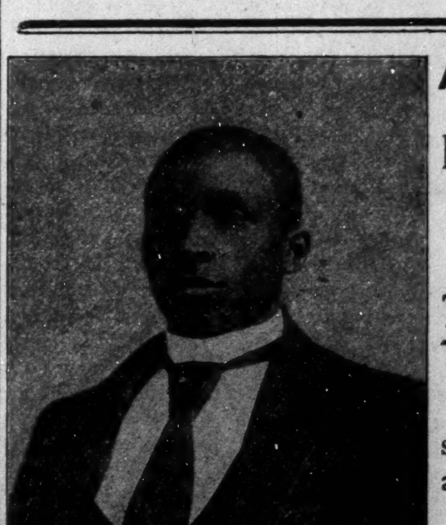

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CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS & IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA.—Petereburg, Ill., March, 11-12; Jacksonville, 13; Virginia, 14.

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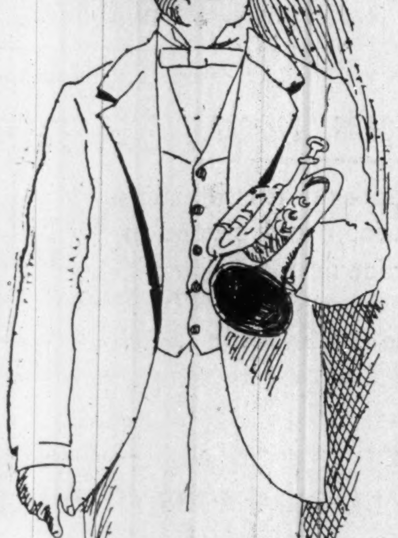

PROF. T. B. BROWN.

Prof. T. B. Brown and his orchestra, of Louisville, Ky., were visitors in the city last month to furnish music for the Prof. James Sterret's full dress ball. The selection of this orchestra, by Prof. Sterrett was a very wise one as Mr. Brown is a past Master of dance music beside being a cornet soloist of pre-eminent ability and has traveled extensively but has been located in Louisville for the past 8 or 9 years, where his orchestra is considered the best in that section by both white and colored. Mr. Brown has associated with him seven musicans; 1st and 2nd violins, bass, clarionet, cornet, trombone and with this combination is ready to do justice to a Sousa March, a "rag" or the latest operatic selection. Mr. Faning the clarionetist, and Smith the trombonist send regards to friends of the profession. We are glad to learn of a return engagement sometime this month, when Mr. Brown and his musicians will be extended another royal time by their many new made friends.

Big Sensation—Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

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Fred Douglass has closed with Isham's Octoroons.

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The Mitchells—Estella and Jess, send regards to the McClains.

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Rastus and Banks are with Matt Flynn's Big Sensation.

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Graham's Star Specialty Co., may go to London, Eng., next summer.

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"The Darktown Swells" are meeting good success in Philadeiphia.

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George Temple, eccentric comedian, has been laid up with the grip at Iron Mountain, Mich., but is now on his feet again, and will remain in Iron Mountain until May. He sends regards to Billy McClain. John Tolliver and other members of the B. O. of C. P.

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J. S. Maston sends regards to C. F Alexander and friends in the profession.

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Tom Logan, character artist, joined Thayer's Minstrels at Easton, Pa., on the 5th.

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The Reese Bros. closed with Isham's Octoroons during their recent engagement in Louisville, Ky,

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Marsh Craig sends regards to all friends with the Georgias, Nashville Students and Octoroon companies.

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Paul C. Floyd, descriptive tenor, is meeting with great success in the East, with Washburn's double minstrels.

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Williams & Walker's "A Lucky Coon" company are playing to an enormous business in Cincinnati, O., this week.

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Mr. Charles B. Tyler has written an act for Walter Johnson, entitled the "Wondering Jew" in which he will be seen this summer.

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Messrs. W. A. Porter, John Rucker, C. D. Brooks, sends regards to Shephard N. Edmonds would like to hear from you.

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Mr. J. E. Adams of Georgia Up-to-Date sends regards to the Musical Union of St. Louis and all friends in the profession.

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Harry Fidler has written a new act for the Kersands, entitled: "The First Day Billy Wore Long Pants." They will introduce the act soon.

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D. H. Langford wants musicians in brass for two months engagements, during March and April. Write or wire him at St. Nichols Hotel, Decatur, Ill

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Hampton and Johnson send regards to Tom Logan, Chas. H. Moore and all other B. O. of C. P's. Hello! Lowery, Bailey, Kirk, "Piccolo" Jones, and all members of the B. O. of C. P.

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Mr. Jerry Cobb will present for the first time his Specialty Company at the court-house, Clarksville, Tenn., March 9. His company will consist of the best of talent obtainable.

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Manager J. E. George, of Georgia Up-to-Date, writes: "We are in our forty-third week since opening, and we dont close this season, but will take a pleasure trip up into the mountains of Colorado, Utah and Montana."

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Harry Fidler, one of the big four comedians, with Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Minstrel Festival, was a Freeman caller Monday morning. Fidler "dropped in" to see his many friends and relatives in the Hoosier capital.

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Miss Eva B. Frazier, elocutionist, gave a recital at Brandenburg, Ky., on the 18th, ult. which proved to be one of the grandest ever witnessed in that place the house being crowded with both colored and white. Miss Frazier is an elocutionist of rare ability.

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Prof. Henry J. Shields, the Australian wonder is astonishing the public with his feats of strength. He lifts numerous heavy-weights with his teeth and does things that seems impossible. Prof. Shields is known in Clarksville, Tenn., and is known as the "iron-jawed man." He has a company of his own but will be at liberty March 11.

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Hearde, Kirk and Hearde have joined hands, and doing a 20-minute novelty act—with the assistance of their trick dog "Rowdy." They are now filling a successful two weeks engagement at Weast Theatre, Peoria, Ill., week of March 13, at the Park Theatre, Chicago. They send regards to all friends—best wishes to enemies. They say "watch us grow."

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Ben Bembry the basso profundo with the Georgia Up-to-Date is still proving to the public that B. below the staff is as easy with his voice as it is with Lowery's cornet He has been with this organization for three years and is signed for the next two seasons he sends regards to C. F. Alexander, Pete Woods the Hearde's and all friends.

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Billy McClain, comedian and author, has retired, temporarily, from the stage to look after his business interest at 110 West Twenty-seventh street, New York City, where he will be pleased to entertain all old and new friends, also where all the leading theatrical and sporting papers, and information regarding the profession can be found. Billy's friends are many and his success is assured.

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During the engagement of John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels at Indianapolis. The Freeman force was serenaded by Prof. Henderson Smith's Superb Concert Band, of that company. Miss Nettie Goff, also favored us with one of her most difficult slide trombone solos. We are compelled to give it to Prof. Henderson Smith and the members of his most excellent musical organization.

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The Young Ladies' Social Temporary Club of Indianapolis, entertained Messrs. M. D. Housely, W. A. Porter, Angelo Housely, Charles B. Tyler, W. A. Lewis, C. D. Brooks, Beverly Housely, Ed. Jones, Frank Brown of "Darkest America" company at the residence of Miss Eva Winn 373 W. Twelfth street during the engagement of the company, and was a very pleasant affair. The ladies present comprising the club were: Misses Maude Bass, Ethel Johnson, Lulu Willis, Sadie Asburry, Alverde McWilliams, Esther Mason, Edna Brown, Mamie Burris and Leather Crossing. The programme was an informal one, and came quite spontaneous and of the whole was a very pleasant affair. Your correspondent noticed that Will (Pap) Lewis proved himself quite an adept as master of ceremonies.

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Richards & Pringle's, Rusco & Holland's Big Musical Festival passed through Indianapolis, Tuesday morning enroute to Shelbyville, Ind., their next stand. The word was passed around the city that they would stop here, and many friends of the company was at the depot to see them upon their arrival. The boys all seemed to be in the best of spirits, and enjoyed themselves highly during their brief stay in the Hoosier Capital.

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At Watertown, N. Y., during the engagement of Isham's Octoroon company, Miss Laura Moss, Messrs. Accoo, Bethel, Hampton, Cousin and Alston were banquetted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. DeFrank. Mr. Godfrey acted as master of ceremonies, and after he got through doing his duty, there was nothing left undone. Mr. and Mrs. DeFrank and our old friend Godfrey shall live forever in the hearts of the above named artists, for they "Certainly was Good to Them."

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Billy Williams, Jr., of the Williams Brothers has recovered from his spell of sickness and is able to get around. Mr. Williams has a few original tricks he will add to his frog act. He is producing a comedy act which he will name later on for himself, introducing jubilee shouting from way down South. Regards to Dick Thomas, John Eason, Gardner C. Collins, Marsh Craig, James S. Lacy, McCarver Brothers, Wm. Malone, Julius Glenn, L. Theodore and J. Ed. Green.

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Notes from John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels:—Messrs. W. A. Porter and M. D. Housely were entertained by Miss Maude Bass at dinner, while playing Indianapolis. Miss Bass proved herself an amiable hostess. Miss Sallie Lee and Miss Lilly Garay, made great hits in Indianapolis singing, "Kill it Babe," and "No Coon Can Come to Black for Me," and had to respond to several encores. Messrs. Tyler and Brooks are singing with great success in the last act "Get Your Moneys Worth."

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Shepard N. Edmonds, late of John W. Isham's Octoroons, has just finished a five weeks engagement over the New England circuit, where he made a decided hit in his new act - the Black Face Singing Comedian; and he is said to be the cleverest colored singing comedian ever over that circuit. Mr. Edmonds is this week in New York City, where he has a run of five weeks at Koster and Bial's commencing March 6. So successful were his efforts at the Howard Anthenaeum, Boston, Mass., that he was re-engaged to appear at that place Mar. 20. He sends regards to members of the Williams and Walker show and Jno. W. Isham's Octoroons.

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Harry L. Gillam of the Georgia Up-to-Date is making a reputation this season that will live long in the minds of the theatre going public. He is doing four distinct characters throughout the entire show which is highly commented by the press, public and the profession. First he is seen in his original creation, "The Acrobatic Hebrew," he next appears later in the program as a crazy sweed. Then followed by the character of a silly country boy. In the closing act of Georgia Up-to-Date which lasts 30 minutes he again appears in the character "Harry Despair, The Tramp," with honor to himself and credit to the show.

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William Curry died Feb. 21, in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) City Hospital. He was born about thirty years ago, in Pittsburg, Pa., where interment was made on the 24th. Annetta Curry, a professional singer, and his mother survive him. He began his professional career with Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company more than ten years ago, being first employed in the parade and later working into portrayals of the title role. He became well known as an excellent Uncle Tom, and was appearing in that role with Mason & Down's company, when at Patterson, N. J., during the week of Jan. 16, illness compelled him to give up the stage.

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Notes from Galveston, Tex.:—"Jim Cambell who was mustered out of the famous 10th Cavalry, is now making Galveston his headquarters. Mr. Cambell is looking well and sends his regards to all his professional friends, especially Napolean Black. Nelson Turner is playing double bass with our up-to-date orchestra. "Hopsie" sends regards to the Nashville Students. P. G. Lowery. Rhone would like to hear from some of his friends with the Georgias. He says that he will spend the summer in Galveston, down behind the sun. Regards to the "Sea Lion"—J. Eaeon. W. Mitchell sends regards to Maurice (Barrel-house) Jordan. We all are dead stuck on The Freeman. Permanent address of members of the profession in Galveston is the Olympic Theatre."

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Barrington Carter, our special representative with Cole and Johnson's "A Trip to Coontown" writes: "We opened at the Alhambra Theatre, Chicago, Sunday Feb. 26 to a packed matinee and turned many away at the evening performance. This is our fourth engagement in Chicago within three months. Mr. Billy Johnson, one of our stars, is now in the cast, after being compelled to lay off three weeks on account of having his hands frozen during our last Chicago engagement. Messrs. Cole and Johnson were banquetted Friday March 3, by the Chicago professional club. Miss Edna Alexander, the Chicago society belle, has proved quite an addition to our company. The entire company is well and send best wishes to the Freeman and friends.

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During the engagement of the Darkest America at Lafayette last week, Messrs. John Rucker, Major Ben. F. Payne, (De Judge) H. Lashe, Clarence Jones, Lawrence Chenault, Gill Garay Will Lewis were more than royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dickson, formerly of Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin, also Mrs. J. J. Hicks. The assembly being the major part "Buffaloes," and as their custome after the bread and lemonade were passed around, there was a hot time in that house that night. Major Payne presided on the occasion and was bothered very much with a cold and was obliged several times to rest the programme to allow him to moisten his throat with water (?) Songs, funny stories and sociabilities made up the programme.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, sends the following notes from Oliver Scott's Minstrels:—The Oliver P. Scott's magnificent minstrels continue to play to immense business throughout Canada. Last night we played to over 1600 people in London. Our business has been phenominal and we regret there is not more Canada for us to play. As it is we have showed the best cities to packed houses nightly and once more our faces are turned homeward and by the time this goes to press we will once more be in the land of the free, and the home of the brave, under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. We have no reason for complaint in regards to our treatment while under the protection of the English Jack but there is no place like home. After a tour that has extended through 18 states and the provinces of Canada we will close, this our most successful season in the history of the Oliver Scott and Al. G. Field's connection of colored shows. We lead, all others follow.

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Nagol Mot writes the following New York City notes:—The McClains are playing Proctors circuit. Chas. Howard and Billy Robinson have donbled. Miss Dollie Brown the contralto has opened a lodging house at 117 W. 31st for professionals only. John and Ida Larkins with the assistance of their piccaninies are favorably received by the Brooklynites. Luke Blackburn's Uncle Tom show in conjunction with a score of cake walkers were at the Academy last week. Fletcher Cole was accidentally shot in the foot Wednesday morning while scuffling with Dick Franklin. Shepard N. Edmonds, the eccentric comedian, opens in the Keith circuit next week. Fred Douglass closed with Isham's Octoroons at Louisville, Ky., and returned to this city Monday evening. Grant and Grant are at Jersey city this week. Wise and Milton, sketch artists are at Harlem Music Hall. Bob Russell the all round comedian has adopted Aaron Taylor, (Liver) the talented dancing child and will use him in his act. Lawrence Deas of Deas and Wilson, has returned from a protracted visit to Toronto Canada.

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Pete G. Hampton sends the following from Isham's Octoroons company: The same thing as usual, breaking the record every where. At Watertown, N. Y., the S. R. O. sign was hanging out at 7:30 and at 7:40 the orchestra pit was filled and the orchestra had to occupy the stage. Mr. Harry Stafford our stage manager on arriving at Canastota, N. Y., was greatly surprised, being met by a delegation of national alliance theatrical stage employees of Syracuse, N. Y., and after a good old handshake he was escorted to the Lewis hotel where a grand spread had been prepared for the occasion. Mr. Stafford is the only colored traveling N. A. T. S. E., in the United States, his reports to the order each year are of the best record. We are proud of him not only as a gentleman but a union man, and we always get what we want on the stage. Stay with 'em, Harry! Mr. L. J. Melrose, our secretary and treasurer is a favorite with the company and we are always glad to see him especially on Monday night—"when he's got the money out the bank.'

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Notes from Richards & Pringles Minstrels:—Thomas, the "Happy Thought" is singing with success, "You Certainly is Hard Luck to Me" and "You'll Get All That's Coming to You." He sends regards to Harry Gilliam, Sid Perrin and all friends. Mr. Ed. Mallory and Miss Mazie Brooks of the Williams & Walker company paid us a short visit in Springfield Ohio. Mr. Williams, of Smart and Williams, with Isham's Octoroons, visited us at Piqua. We have with the aggregation, the following talented soloists; W. O. Terry, trombone; S. E. Dodd, cornet; J. W. Simmons, saxaphone and Wm. Hedgepath, euphonium. Mrs. Harry Fiddler visited her husband in Richmond, Ind., and remained with us for several days returning home from Marion. Kersands says, Hello Al Brown of Isham's Octoroons" and says "Why don't you write him." Harry Fiddler, is singing Irving Jones song, "If They'd Only Fought With Razors in the War." Colonel Hennisee has been indisposed the past week but is convalescent at present. Harvey Goodall is yet singing "Good Old Georgia." He sends regards to Charlie Tyler, of Darkest America. S. E. Dodd sends regards to Bob Thompson.

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Notes from Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin company: We still have two more weeks in Michigan and at present writing we are still turning them away hundreds of people being unable to gain admission nightly; from Michigan we go across in to Canada and from the reports sent back by our agent (Mr. Luce) we expect the same big business to continue. Mr. Charles Smith is still unable to sing in the quartette on account of throat affections but is much better than at the previous writing. And Miss Lizzie Harrison is still filling in admirably. A strong blizzard was blowing in Lansing, Mich., Saturday, March 4, and we had the house packed at both performances as usual. We turned over 300 people Saturday night in Lansing away who were willing to pay double price if they could only get standing room. The quartette is still making a big hit through Michigan. They are singing the latest hits: "Just as the Sun Went Down," "'Mid the Green Fields of Virginia," and the "Georgia Camp Meeting." The last named is still a popular hit and is received with delight nightly; Billy Yeager is the soloist. The colored members of the company was nicely entertained in Jackson, Mich., last Sunday at 12 o'clock supper was served after which stories were told, speeches made, toasts said by Mr. and Mrs. Letz, the host and hostess, Dude Kelly, Billy Yeager, Skip Farrell, Miss Maggie Mitchell and Miss Edna King, until about 1:30 a. m., after which they proceeded to the Northwest hotel, the company's stopping place—feeling in high spirits every one enjoyed themselves immensely. From appearances we think Manager Kibble one of the luckiest tour managers on the road; he hasn't had one losing week since the 1st of September, our opening day. Skip Farrell is winning applause nightly

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B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

I get upon an average, twenty-five letters a day from all parts of the country. Some are business letters, some are from sweet—I suppose—young girls, who are autograph hunters and want to place my name in their books side of other great Negroes. Such is the fate of greatness. Some letters are from persons who imagine I know it all. Most of these letters I answer, some find their way into my scrap-basket at the left of my desk in my studio.

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Here is an exact copy of a letter I received last week:

Orrville, Dallas Co., Ala., Feb. 28, '99.
Mr. A. M. Hodges, "B. Square."

Dear Sir: I have read all of your writings for the past ten years and have reached the conclusion long, long ago, that you are the best Negro writer living and that you are the best informed about our race. Will you therefore kindly answer through your Bluster column of The Freeman the following questions to decide a bet, and oblige,

Your literary admirer,
SADIE C. ———

P. S.—Here are the questions: 1. Was not the late Hon. Frederick Douglass, the greatest Negro that ever lived? 2. Who is the greatest Negro now living? 3. What great Negro's name will live longest in American history?

Please answer in your "Bluster" and oblige, SADIE C. ———

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In the first place, my dear "Sadie C. ———" you have not read half of my writings during the past ten years, as over half of the same has been sold for cash—cold cash Sadie—for men who paid for my brain-work and signed their names to the articles. Second. I am not the "greatest Negro writer living," moreover I do not know it all—not by half. Third, it is very wicked for a man to bet, and what is wrong for a man to do is five times wrong for a young girl to do. Never again bet, Sadie.

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Now for your questions: 1. The late Hon. Frederick Douglass was the most distinguished, the most famous, and the greatest Afro-American at the time of his death. 2. Booker T. Washington is the best known, most honored, the most famous, and, bids fair to be, if he lives to reach the age of Mr. Douglass, the greatest Afro-American. Like hundreds of others, you misuse the word "great." Look it up in your dictionary, Sadie. 3. Dred Scott's name will live in history when all other great men of the race will be forgotten. Still he was not a "great" man. Why? Well, read your American history.

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Speaking of great men in general and "great" Negroes in particular:

Great men are those who great things do;
The noble, valiant, dauntless few
Who help to banish human ill
With their superior minds and skill.

The philanthropic noble mind,
Who wants to educate mankind,
So builds a college for the state,
Must surely rank as truly great.

The warrior bold, who'll freely give
His life, to let his country live;
The statesman who will legislate
For righteous laws, are truly great

The Negro editor or preacher,
Doctor, lawyer, sage or teacher,
Who, by some power, art or skill,
Can, in his race, these truths instill:

That as a clan we must unite,
And boldly battle for the right—
From North and South, a solid band—
To fight injustice in the land,

That 'tis our duty to patronize
A worthy Negro enterprise,
Or read the Negro newspapers
And cease to ape the white man's capers.

But note with care, his skill and art
He who such knowledge can impart,
Will be recorded, soon or late
In history, as truly great.

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In this age of "specialism," it behooves the man of good sense to be an expert at one thing, and draw upon the genius of others for the qualities lacking in himself. An editor would waste precious time trying to make shoes, and a shoemaker might not succeed in running a newspaper.—The Colored American.

Yes, but some editors (I do not refer to the editor of The Colored American) waste precious time trying to run newspapers instead of making or trying to make shoes.

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Will "M. Vandahurst Lynk, M. D., editor" of the now defunct "Lynk's Magazine," return the MSS I requested him to return to me, or——will I be obliged to "show him up" in the "Bluster" column in order to get the same? Days of grace end "doctor," one week after this appears in print.

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All officers of the Invincible Sons and Daughters of Commerce high and low, who have not made their reports for the year ending Feb. 12, 1899 will please send the same to me, just so soon as this notice arrests their eyes—or any other eyes—or lookout. See the Constitution, Article X.

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"The intelligent Negro does not patronize nor aid race enterprises any more than the ignorant Negro. One don't care and the other don't know."—The Standard, Lexington, Ky.

Right you be, Brother Benjamin.

B. SQUARE.

News Letters.

Henderson, Ky., Special.

Miss Martha Taylor and Nicholas Boyd were united in marriage March 1st at the home of the brides parents near Spotsville. The bride was becomingly attired in white henrietta with satin trimmings and carried a boquet of brides roses. Miss Ida Good was maid of honor and wore pink organdy over pink taffetta. She carried a boquet of white carnations. The groom is a prosperous young farmer. Mrs. Mary A. Edwards died Feb. 25th after a lingering illness of two months at her residence 442 Fagan street. She leaves one son Jackson Edwards, two grandsons, and a brother who resides in Danville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Short of Owensboro spent Sunday in the city the guest of Mrs. Mattie B. Short. Miss Mollie Brooks has returned from Louisville. Sick list:—Ned Nash is ill with pneumonia. The infant child of Nathan Early is ill with meningitis. James Jackson is quite sick with la grippe. Sneed the little son of Mrs. E. Browne, is ill with the whooping cough. After an illness of one week Ben Harvey passed away Feb. 21, at his residence on Holloway street. with pneumonia. He leaves a wife and seven children; a father, two brothers and two sisters to mourn his demise. The sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. Thomas Black died Feb. 22, at her residence on Seventh street. Carl Grady an aged man died suddenly of heart disease last Thursday. Messrs John and Thurston Cabell Cabell of Owensboro visited Robert Cabell, Feb. 19. Mrs. Marinda Porter, died Feb. 25, at the residence of her mother Mrs. Relis Ball on Adams street. She had been ill a number of months. Mrs. Lucie Lewis, spent Sunday Feb. 19, in Owensboro visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw. Messrs Thomas Gilchrist and Ed. Short have returned from Claysville. Henry Ward fell upon a broken jug and cut his throat barely missing the jugular vein. the accident happened last Saturday.

News of Interest Mentioned.

Huntington, W. Va., Special,

Next Sunday will be a great day with the members of the First church, being the day on which Rev. C. H. Payne, will take charge as pastor. Rev. I. V. Bryant, one of its former pastors will preach the installation sermon and Rev. N. Barnett, together with other ex-pastors will be on the stand. Lewis Finley who shot Bob Fitzgerald, was tried before Squire Miser and held over to meet the grand jury under $5,000 bail. Miss Cornelia Jimeson and her brother, Isaac of Chicago, are in the city at the bedside of their mother. Mrs. Thomas Wilkins of the C. & O., shops is very sick. Many of our readers took advantage of the $1.00 rate. Rev. Steele will leave for conference on the 8th of March. We will certainly miss this venerable devine who has been with us so long. On Tuesday night the reverend will give the Epworth League a farewell address. For the benefit of the M. E. church, many of our young people are preparing a drama "Among the Breakers" to be given on the 6th. Mr. Elihu West was struck by a train last week and badly hurt.

Interesting Items.

Kalamazoo, Mich, Special.

Jay Butler of Almo, is visiting friends and relatives in the city. Miss Nellie Ridgely returned Friday evening from a pleasant visit with friends in Cheshire. Mrs. Camel of Niles, is the guest of Miss Sarah E. Roberts. Miss Florence Brown of Battle Creek spent Sunday in the city. Miss Stella Thurman spent Sunday in Battle Creek the guest of Euna Wallace. Little Parthenia Lewis is on the sick list. Mrs. Minnie Christman entertained the Household of Ruth no 1068 Tuesday evening, Feb. 21, at her home 424 E. North steeet. The young peoples meeting at both the A. M. E. church and Second Baptist church are progressing nicely. A great deal of interest is manifested and great good is being done.

A "Swell" Affair,

Eufaula, Ala., Special.

Quite an enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Johnson, on VanBuren st., Thursday, Feb. 23. A lovely time was enjoyed by all. Those present were as follows: J. F. Fryer and Miss Lizzie Walker; C. Raines and Miss Pearl Sherman; John Grimes and Miss Saluda Simmons; J. W. Davis and Miss Genia Wilson; B. H. Jackson and Miss Clara Fox; Judson Davis Jr. and Miss Ellen Turner; Edgar Washington and Miss Katie B. Love; M. C. Bell and Miss Nellie B. Wilson; Willie Mayo and Miss Mary Lee Wade; Willie Crosley and Miss Alice O'Bryant. After consuming the hours from 8 'til 12 p. m. in games and various avenues of sociality, the guests repaired to the dining room. The social makers enjoyed themselves hugely after masticating the different dainties which had been prepared for the event. At the hour of 1 a. m. the guests retired to their respective homes. Copies of The Freeman can be found on sale every Saturday at A. H. Gary's barber-shop, price 5 cents.

THE SENTRY DRANK.

But General Meade Did Not Happen to See Him Do It.

At a little village on the Susquehanna river I met an old soldier who related this incident of his experience with General Meade in the civil war. I have forgotten his name and the place where it occurred. It was a raw night in October, the wind was rather strong, and Meade had fixed a stove in his tent. The soldier was the sentry for the general. A puff of wind knocked down the improvised stovepipe, and soon the tent filled with smoke. The general came out and asked the sentry to help him to rearrange it. The soldier replied that he was under orders and could not leave his post.

"Yes, yes," said Meade, "that is true, but I would like to have that stovepipe fixed. You are right." And the general went at the job himself.

"I kept pacing my beat," said the soldier, "and enjoyed Meade's efforts to get the pipe back in its place. He made a sorry mess of it. Finally he turned to me and said: 'Sentry, you will have to help me. I will be responsible for you, and if there is any trouble about your leaving the beat I will explain to the officer.'

"In a few minutes we had the pipe in position. Meade disappeared into the tent without a word of thanks, but he soon came out with a jug of applejack and asked me to take a drink. Once more I reminded him I was on duty 'Yes, yes,' he answered, 'I know, but you helped me to fix the stovepipe.'

"He turned on his heel and re-entered the tent, leaving the jug outside After a time he came out.

"'Did you drink?' he inquired. I nodded.

"'I knew you would, but I did not see it.'"—Pittsburg Dispatch.

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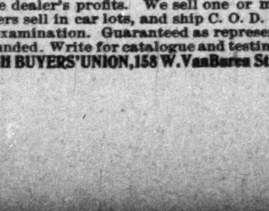

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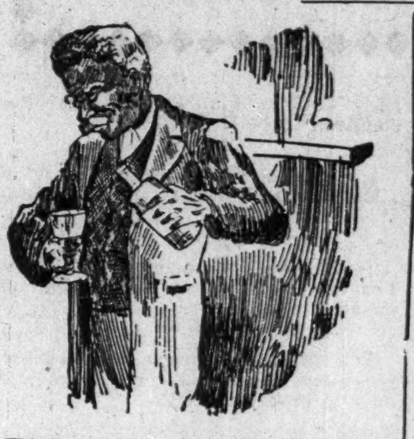

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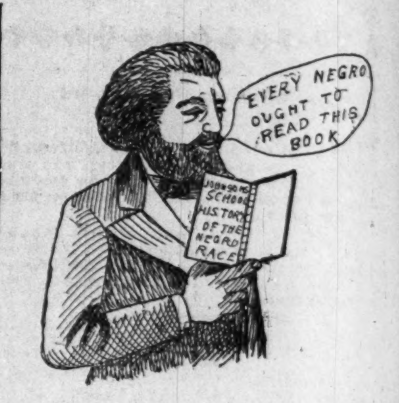

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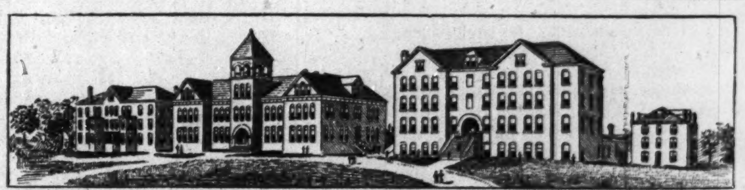

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THE NEGRO PRESS.

The Negro should cease waging war on one another and remember that nothing that will enable us to be so sympathetic and tender to the faults of one another as self-examination.—The St. Joseph Radical.

It seems to be the general consensus of opinion that the real supporters and friends of race enterprises are the people who have not had the opportunities of education. To this the Daily Recorder can testify with a full knowledge of the facts.

In every city, town and hamlet some praiseworthy effort should be inaugurated to start a business for our boys and girls. If this is not done what will our boys and girls do when they return from school.—The People's Recorder, Columbia, S. C.

"The disadvantages encountered by the Negro of to-day, are not so much in a lack of opportunities for acquiring an education, but the impossibility of finding an application of his learning after his school days are over."—Booker T. Washington.

The Star of Zion, Indianapolis Freeman, Richmond Planet, Illinois Record, Boston Courant, Washington Bee, Colored American, The Appeal and the last but not least, our King's Texas Weekly Express, are doing great work towards the race's elevation.—The City Times, Galveston, Tex.

Now that Alabama has decided to discard the use of the term "colored people," and refer to us as "Negroes," and spell them with a big N, it's to be hoped that the leaven will be felt throughout this country. Getting into the upper case is a long step in the solution of the race problem.—The Plain Dealer, Topeka, Kan.

The legislature of Indiana has rejected a bill to punish lynchers, on the ground that the laws are already ample for the purpose and that the passage of such a bill would unfavorably advertise the state as a place where mob violence was common. It is too late. Indiana is already well advertised as a state where Judge Lynch operates.—The Hattiesburg, (Miss.,) Herald.

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Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

C. J. Fumbank, is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have remodeled their home. Mr. George Wyatt died on the 25th; leaving a wife and a host of friends to mourn their loss. He was burried at Newberne, Tenn. The public school celebrated Washington's birthday. Rev. Owens of Brownsville, Tenn., will take charge of the Baptist church. The Walter Presbytery will meet at Newberne, Tenn., on the 9th. C. G. Hardison of Paducah, Ky. moderator, M. S. McCauley, of this city, secretary. Thomas Connel departed this life Feb. 23, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. Partee.

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Eufaula, Ala., Special.

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"The implement was then called the thumb bell and was worn on the thumb.

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"Lofting's thimbles, and, in fact, all thimbles, were made of either iron or brass, and specimens of them extant, many of which are preserved as heirlooms, are crude and clumsy looking things compared with the commonest thimbles of today, although their cost was many times as much.

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HE ATE THE SOAP.

Garland Would Have Swallowed It if It Had Killed Him.

The late Augustus H. Garland, who was attorney general under President Cleveland, was very fond of practical jokes and during his term of service in the senate frequently turned the laugh on his colleagues. Senators Voorhees and Vest, with whom he was very friendly, finally determined to turn the tables. Mr. Garland had a habit, like Voorhees, of munching candy, and Vest and Voorhees made it up between them to take advantage of his fondness for sweets to play their trick. They had some tempting looking chocolate caramels prepared, with the interior filled with brown soap. These they took to the senate chamber and Voorhees placed them on his desk. The lid being off when Mr. Garland sauntered down the aisle he noticed them at once.

"What have you there, Dan?" he inquired.

Voorhees looked up carelessly from his writing and responded "Caramels. Help yourself."

Garland needed no second invitation and, picking up two or three, placed one in his mouth. Steadily he chewed away, his face betraying no sign of the conflict within him. This alarmed Voorhees, who went to Vest's desk and said

"He's eating them, Vest! What shall we do? The stuff will kill him sure!"

Senator Vest replied that it could do no more than make him sick. Garland swallowed the stuff, although he was foaming at the mouth from the soapsuds. He related the incident afterward with great gusto and said he would have swallowed it if it had killed him.—New York Sun.

Some boys in an English school were requested to write a short letter to the master. One youngster added a P. S. which ran. "Please excuse bad riting and spelling, as I avent been taut any beter."

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An Eye to Business.

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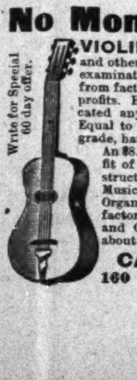

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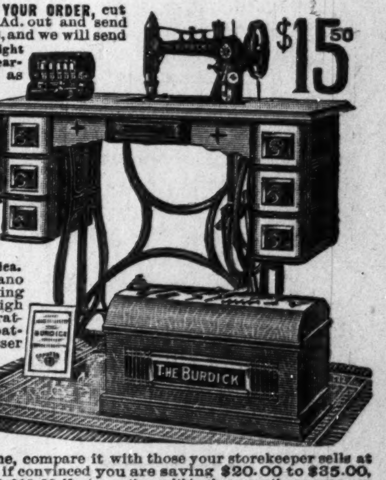

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George R. Underwood has returned from Logansport.

Wait for the night of the 4th of April at Tomlinson Hall.

Mrs. Francis Turner who has been quite ill for sometime, is now convalescing.

Everybody will attend the brilliant Easter function, Tuesday night, April 4, at Tomlinson Hall.

Mrs. Cora Jackson has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Evansville.

The Grand Easter week promenade concert at Tomlinson Hall will be the swell affair of the season.

The Dorcas Circle was entertained by Mrs. Mary Allen, Thursday afternoon, at her residence on Agnes street.

Fair forms, fragrant flowers and heavenly music at Tomlinson Hall night of April 4th.

Chas. C. Carter, of Ottawa, Canada, was in the city this week, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Alice Scott, in North Senate avenue.

Hark! 'tis the music of the waltz. The dreamy, dreamy waltz! night of Tuesday, April 4, at Tomlinson Hall.

Rev. Harry Kilibrew, the seven year old boy preacher, will fill the pulpit at Jones' Tabernacle Sunday morning and next Monday night.

Panden Brothers' full orchestra, sixteen pieces at Tomlinson Hall night of April 4th event promenade concert.

Miss Mary E. Johnson, of 419 West 14th street, gave a five o'clock tea Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Angie Brooks. Mrs. Brooks left for Cleveland, O., Tuesday.

The grand concert at Tomlinson Hall, Tuesday night, April 4, will be under the direction and management of Maurice F. White, the best talent of the state will surely appear.

The protracted meeting is still in progress at Jones' Tabernacle. They had thirteen converts and one mourner last week. Out of the thirteen converts one died.

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Carriages will approach Tomlinson Hall night of Tuesday, April 4th from the west and depart from the east.

Miss Rebecca Seaton died last Saturday. The funeral occurred Monday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of her uncle, on Blake street Rev. A. Wakefield officiated.

Decorators will beautify Tomlinson Hall with flags, buntings and flowers for the grand promenade Easter, Tuesday, April 4.

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The grand march at Tomlinson Hall night of Tuesday, April 4th will be a

"Thing of beauty
And joy forever,"

will be led by Mr. Charles Lanier.

Mrs. Amanda Smith, one of the most noted evangelist the race has produced will spend next Sunday in this city the guest of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Graham. She will occupy Bethel pulpit both morning and evening.

The Social Club, of Jones' Tabernacle, was entertained by Mrs. Julia Hamilton last Thursday afternoon, at the residence of her daughter, 409 North West street.

No question about it, the great Easter week musical festival and grand promenade concert at Tomlinson Hall the night of Tuesday, April 4th will be the most dazzling function Indianapolitans have witnessed for years. Everybody is discussing it, and everybody seems to have made up their minds to attend

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Reception and Floor Committees.

The following gentlemen will compose the reception and floor committees for the grand Easter week musical festival and promenade concert to be held at Tomlinson Hall, Tuesday night, April 4: Reception—Charles Lanier, Dr. B. J. Morgan, A. E. Manning, James W. Vaughn, James Shelton, Maurice F. White, W. H. Jackson, Harry Wyatt, F. Fowler Brown, Joseph Broyles, Chas. H. Stewart, Hayes Wilson. Floor Committee—Prof. James A. Sterrett, Prof. W. H. Walker, Prof. R. Byron Shelton, Elwood C. Knox, J. H. Ringgold, W. J. Brown.

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In loving remembrance of Jessie W. Turner, who died two years ago, the 10th of March.—From his mother, Mrs. Eliza Turner, and his brothers Agustus and George.

We shall meet but we shall miss him
There will be one vacant chair,
We shall linger to caress him
Whilst we breathe our evening prayer.
We are sad and lone without him
For God hath called him to his care,
He's done with earthly toil and strife
He has joined in the blessed life
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The Watts--Purtell Fight.

The ten-round contest Monday night at the Empire theatre, this city, between Jim Watts of Chicago and Paddy Purtell of Kansas City, drew the biggest crowd of the season, being one of the best contests that has been seen in this city, the result of which was a draw. Both men have made reputations as fighters and gave a fine exhibition of the manly art, Watts clearly demonstrating that there are none in his class can beat him at 153 pounds. As Purtell weighed 173 pounds while Watts weighed in at 153, Jim continually kept his left in Paddy's face and stomache and soon had the big fellow clinching and very tired. Purtell tried with his right but only landed one punch during the fight and that was a straight left on the mouth. Watts was attended by Frank H. Lewis, his manager of Chicago, Will Foster of Louisville, Ky., and "Kid" Roberson of Denver, Col.

NOTES.

Several of our doctors, lawyers and business men were interested spectators.

Will Foster—I will get mine.

Mr. Frank H. Lewis, manager of Watts, accompanied a party of Chicagoians to Cincinnati to witnessed the Armstrong-Child's fight last Saturday night. He stopped over on his return to look after Watts' interest. During his short stay in our city he made many friends. Come again Frank.

Mr. Archie Greathouse entertained friends after the contest. He is a great admirer of Watts.

"Kid" Roberson—I won't stand a put-out.

Watts and his trainer, Will Foster, left Tuesday night for Louisville, Ky., where he will spend a few days with his wife, Mr. Lewis, his manager, returning to Chicago.

John Hall—I am still good for one more fight.

Local News.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.

Miss Mary L. McMechen and Miss Ella S. Jones, spent several days in Flushing, O. Daniel Payne left Friday for his home in Moorefield, W. Va. On his arrival he will wed a young lady of Wardensville. Austin L. Jackson spent Sunday in Moundsville. Mrs. Gabriele Jackson is convalescent. Simpson M. E. choir gave a grand concert March 9th. After rehearsal Monday evening the 27, the choir was entertained by Misses Mary F. and Anna L. Jennings at their home 18 north Broadway. On Friday March 3, the Epworth League of Simpson M. E. church gave an entertaiment entitled "A Court of Famous Women," after which a milk maid social was held. The Busy Bee Club of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment at Odd Fellows Hall Wednesday night. A fine program was rendered, it was a social and financial success. Wm. Norris has been confined to his home with a severe case of blood poison. Mary F. Jennings has succeeded Robt. Bullet as agent for The Freeman and other colored papers. She solicits the patronage of the public.

REMORSE.

Red lips that dumbly quiver for his kiss
And now but fondly touch his graveyard stone—
Ah, lips he loved of old, remember this,
He had not died if he had only known!
—Arthur J. Stringer in Harper's Magazine.

A STROKE OF GENIUS.

It Elicited the Unbounded Admiration of the Farmer.

Only a few summers ago, among the many others that visited the wild region adorned by one of Michigan's inland lakes, was an artist. He had a wealth of scenery from which to select and chose a picturesque view with a hill of rocks and jack pines as a background. The owner of the property transferred to canvas did not think much of the enterprise or of the man who would dawdle away his time in such an undertaking, but the artist paid the summer rates without a murmur and never entered any complaints against the accommodations. The next season the painter was again among the guests.

"How did that there picter of yours come out, anyhow?" asked the curious landlord.

"Oh, fairly well. You know that I have my name to make yet. I sold it for $1,000."

"No," exclaimed the farmer excitedly, "not $1,000. You're chaffin me."

"Not a bit of it," laughed the artist. "I got $1,000 for that little view before there was a frame on it."

"Shake, stranger. I allus thought I was purty slick on a dicker, but I'll be doggone if you don't take the prize. You skinned that feller slick and clean."

"How so?" indignantly, for his pride was touched.

"Oh, don't play innercent with me. It won't go no further. But you done him brown. A thousand fur that spot where you couldn't raise a bean to the acre! If the critter that bought that picter had seen me, I'd a sold him the hull durn farm for $275."—Detroit Free Press.

In the Tap Root of an Oak.

I remember a curious incident connected with the tap root of an oak. This oak, a good tree of perhaps 200 years' growth, was being felled at Bradenham wood when the woodmen called attention to something peculiar on the tap root. On clearing this of soil we found that the object was a horseshoe of ancient make. Obviously in the beginning an acorn must have fallen into the hollow of this cast shoe, and as it grew through the slow generations the root filled up the circle, carrying it down into the earth in the process of its increase till at length we found wood and iron thus strangely wedded. That tap root with the shoe about it is now or used to be a paperweight in the vestibule of Bradenham Hall.—Rider Haggard in Longman's Magazine.

Pure Water a Poison.

By "chemically pure water" we usually understand perfectly fresh, distilled water. Distilled water is a dangerous protoplasmic poison. The same poisonous effects must occur whenever distilled water is drunk. The sense of taste is the first to protest against the use of this substance. A mouthful of distilled water, taken by inadvertence, will be spit out regularly. The local poisonous effect of distilled water makes itself known by all the symptoms of a catarrh of the stomach on a small scale. The harmfulness of the process, so much resorted to today, of washing out the stomach with distilled water is acknowledged.—National Druggist.

Official Lampposts.

The placing of lampposts in front of the houses of the chief magistrates of towns is an ancient custom. We find in Heywood's "English Traveler" that posts were so placed in front of sheriffs houses. Reginald says

What brave carved posts! Who knows but here
In time, sir, you may keep your shrievaltie
And I be one o' th' serjants?

From sheriffs, the practice extended to the houses of mayors and provosts. It has been suggested, with some probability, that the posts were at first intended for the affixing of proclamations which it was the duty of the sheriffs to publish.

A Forgetful Spouse.

Mrs. Bilkins—I never saw such a forgetful man in my life as you are. The clock has stopped again.

Mr. Bilkins—That's because you forgot to wind it.

Mrs. Bilkins—You know very well, Mr. Bilkins, that I told you to remind me to wind it, and you forget about it.—New York Weekly

Her Mistake.

"How did it happen that Miss Singleton refused to marry the young clergyman?"

"Why, when he proposed to her she, being a little deaf, thought he was asking her to subscribe to the organ fund. So she told him she had promised her money to some other mission."—Harper's Bazar

Proud of His Descent.

O'Brien—And so Phelim is proud av his descint, is he?

McTurk—Yes, he is terribly stuck up about it.

O'Brien—Well, begorra, Oi've a bit av a descint meself to boast about. Oi descinded four stories wanst whin the ladder broke and niver shpilled a brick.—Answers.

Not Yet.

"Are you related to each other?" inquired the probate judge at Oklahoma City of a German bridal couple bearing the same name. And the groom replied "Nein. Das is vat's de matter. Ve vants to be alretty."—Kansas City Journal.

Over 2,000,000 bottles, of the value of $35,000, are recovered each year from the dustyards in London and returned to their owners.

The Grim Reaper.

Gallatin, Tenn., Special.

Harris Chanault, died Saturday the 13th ult. Mr. Chanault had been in business at Mt. Pleasant from which place he was brought home. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge. Rev. C. A. Alexander conducted the funeral at the Methodist church. Mrs. Lizzie Blythe died the 26th ult at the residence of Mrs. Julia Jimerson. Mrs. Blythe was a member of the Household of Ruth, Rev. Alexander conducted the funeral services at the house. Rev. Peter Vertrees preached two sermons Sunday the 26th. Mrs. Tilda Trats is better. Mrs. Julia Jimerson and Mrs. Amanda Hudson send love to relatives and friends in Indianapolis. R. H. Hudson is general agent for The Freeman at this place. See him and get a copy 5 cents.

Wedding Bells—Deaths.

Brownville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Dr. Hairston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Clayborne. Rev. Owen of the First Baptist church has been called and accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Dyersburg, Tenn. Mr. Horace Currie one of the oldest citizens of Brownsville, passed away Thursday, Feb. 23. The funeral services of himself and his daughter Josie Currie occurred Friday afternoon at Farmers Chapel. Rev. Farmer, pastor in charge, preached an able sermon on the life and death of both father and daughter. On Thursday, Feb., 23 the marriage of Mr. Henry Mann and Miss Eliza Drake took place at the First Baptist church, Rev. Owen officiating. After marriage the bride and groom with a host of friends left for Jones Station where friends welcomed them to their new home. A bountiful repast was provided for the assembled guests and joy and pleasure reigned supreme. The Brownsville Literary Society spent, at its session of Friday, Feb. 24, "An evening with Lincoln." After devotional exercises, Mrs. Wm. Jones read a very interesting paper, subject: "The Youth of Lincoln:" Dr. Anthony followed, delivering an address on "Lincoln, the President" and Prof. J. R. Gloster presented "Lincoln, the Emancipator." The event was very pleasant and will, we hope, rebound to the good of all present.

Personal Mention.

Youngstown, O., Special.

The Freeman is undoubtedly the best colored peoples' paper that ever came to Youngstown. Mrs. Chas. Coleman, of Greensburg, Pa., arrived at her mother's home, Feb. 24th, very sick with pneumonia. Officer Payne, lost two of his prisoners from the chain gang, Feb. 28. He fired several shots but to no effect. Rev. White left to visit his family in Findlay, O., Mrs. Jennie B. Smith has just recovered from a long illness. There was quite a surprise in society circles, caused by the marriage of Miss. Irene Stewart and Mr. Burt Harris which occurred at the home of Miss Stewart. Rev. Clement Hall performed the ceremony. Miss Mamie Smith was bridesmaid. Miss Stella Stewart, her sister, presented her with an elegant clock. No guests were present. They left for Pittsburg, Feb. 28 where they will reside. Rev. Saws preached an able sermon to a large congregation Sunday evening. Mr. E. M. Carter's business transactions have caused him to place a telephone in his barber shop at 271 W. Commerce st. Mrs. Summers has opened a 10 cent lunch room at 818 W. Federal st. Mr. Wm. Vactor, won first and second prizes in the cake walks at Sharon, Pa., Feb. 27.

News Items.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Special.

C. C. H. P. of St. Paul Chapter will hold their regular meeting in the new Masonic Hall which has just been completed. They have now the best and nicest hall and lodge room in the state. Mrs. Moten, wife of engineer Moses Moten is quite sick. Her friends hope for a speedy recovery. St. Marys Lodge is coming to the front.

News Notes.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Prof. L. N. Leftwich rendered an excellent program in honor of Washington Feb., 22nd at the Francis Rhodes school on Main st. Mr. Bob Smith died here March, 5th. Miss Fannie Crusman and Dan Louis of South Clarksville are on the sick list. Mrs. Eddie Ivison, of Greenwood avenue, is seriously ill. Rev. J. W. Smith gave an interesting entertainment at Wesley Chapel on March, 7 consisting of a lecture entitled, a "Living Dress and a Shaking Pair of Pants," and a closely contested spelling match. Rev. H. Metcalf is carrying on a series of meetings at St. John's Church and will give a grand rally there, March 12. Mrs. Cruch is improving at her home on Taylor's Hill. Misses Kate Ramey and Anna Edwards with a number of friends took an extended trip in the South March 5th. Mr. Caleb Frasure has arrived in the city from Evansville, Ind. Mr. Sam Steele is the subject of a new joke at the Custom-house which his friends are enjoying at his expense. Rev. J. W. Porter was on the sick list again, March, 4.

The Whale Cure For Rheumatism.

It is said that in Australia there is a hotel where rheumatic patients congregate. Whenever a whale has been taken the patients are rowed over to the works in which the animal is cut up, the whalers dig a narrow grave in the body and in this the patient lies for two hours, as in a Turkish bath, the decomposing blubber of the whale closing round his body and acting as a huge poultice. This is known as the whale cure for rheumatism.

A Bill a Berry.

Crimsonbeak—Our government always seems to do the right thing at the right time.

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